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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on September 7, 2005, **JOSEPH LEONARD DAVIS**, age 32, of Fairfield, Illinois, was named in a one count Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois.

The Indictment charges that on or about March 14, 2002, in Wayne County, DAVIS did knowingly possess material that contained images of child pornography that had been transported in interstate commerce by a computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B).

DAVIS faces a penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of up to 3 years.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury. The case is set for trial on November 7, 2005, in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.